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REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman

Management in the United Nations

The General Assembly takes note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Accountability, management improvement and oversight in the United Nations system"[1] and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon;[2]

(b) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Management in the United Nations: work in progress"[3] and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;[4]

(c) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Common services at United Nations Headquarters"[5] and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon;[6]

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[1] A/50/503 and Add.1.

[2] A/51/522.

[3] A/50/507.

[4] A/50/507/Add.1.

[5] A/51/686.

[6] A/51/686/Add.1.

(d) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations system common premises and services in the field"[7] and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon.[8]

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[7] A/49/629.

[8] A/51/124-E/1996/44.

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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman

Informatics in the United Nations

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations telecommunications system[1] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "A review of telecommunications and related technologies in the United Nations system";[2]

(b) Endorses the report of the Secretary-General on telecommunications in the United Nations.[3]

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[1] A/C.5/49/26 and A/C.5/49/CRP.5.

[2] A/50/686.

[3] A/C.5/51/46.

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, by which the Council established the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the most recent of which was resolution 1092 (1996) of 23 December 1996,

Recalling also its resolution 50/236 of 7 June 1996 on the financing of the Force,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force that are not covered by voluntary contributions are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting the agreement of the Government of Greece that, for the period under consideration, a proportion of its annual voluntary contribution will serve to

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[1] A/51/755 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

[2] A/51/851 and Corr.1.

cover, in part, the United Nations obligations regarding termination benefits payable to locally employed civilian staff,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Expressing its appreciation to all those Member States and observer States which have made voluntary contributions to the Special Account established for the financing of the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all of the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,[1]

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 13 May 1997, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 13,326,013 United States dollars, representing 15 per cent of the total assessed contributions from 16 June 1993 to the period ending 30 June 1997, notes that some 23 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

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[1] S/1994/647.

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus an amount of _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of an amount of _____ dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, an amount of _____ dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and an amount of 1,131,000 dollars for the cost of termination benefits for locally employed civilians relating to the period of employment after 15 June 1993;

8. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions of one third of the cost of the Force, equivalent to ___ _____ dollars, by the Government of Cyprus and of 3,731,333 dollars by the Government of Greece, to apportion the amount of _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net), including an amount of 2,768,667 dollars, as provided for in paragraph 12 below, for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, to be assessed on Member States at a monthly rate of _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and 51/218 A and B of 18 December 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1997, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and its decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and 1998,[4] subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 30 June 1997;

9. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 2,123,000 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

10. Decides to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the period prior to 16 June 1993 for the Force, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

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[4] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

11. Calls upon Member States to make voluntary contributions to the Special Account for the Force to enable the United Nations to meet its remaining obligations with respect to the locally employed civilian staff;

12. Notes the agreement of the Government of Greece to earmark, on an ad hoc basis, for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, an amount of 2,768,667 dollars from its annual voluntary contribution of 6.5 million dollars to the Force, for this purpose;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to direct the Office of Internal Oversight Services to evaluate and to report to the General Assembly on the events and circumstances that led to United Nations responsibility for termination pay to the locally employed civilians in the Force, including all aspects of accountability and responsibility of United Nations staff;

15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST: UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force,[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services,[3]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974, by which the Council established the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1081 (1996) of 27 November 1996,

Recalling its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 50/20 B of 7 June 1996,

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[1] A/51/405/Add.1 and 2.

[2] A/51/684/Add.1.

[3] A/51/432.

Reaffirming that the costs of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Force on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States,

Concerned also that the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force have been used to meet expenses of the Force in order to compensate for the lack of income resulting from non-payment and late payment by Member States of their contributions,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as at 15 May 1997, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 47.9 million United States dollars, representing 4.2 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 31 May 1997, notes that some 24 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of the amount of _____ dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of _____ dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, to be assessed on Member States at the monthly rate of _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and 51/218 A and B of 18 December 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1997, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and its decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and 1998,[4] subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 31 May 1997;

8. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 888,000 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

9. Decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the estimated other income of 14,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

10. Decides that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the assessment, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 1,129,300 dollars gross (1,066,700 dollars net) for the period ending 30 June 1996;

11. Decides also that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,129,300 dollars gross (1,066,700 dollars net) for the period ending 30 June 1996 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

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[4] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

12. Decides that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the assessment, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the surplus balance of 2,358,000 dollars for the period from 1 December 1993 to 30 November 1994;

13. Decides also that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the surplus balance of 2,358,000 dollars for the period from 1 December 1993 to 30 November 1994 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

14. Invites voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the subitem entitled "United Nations Disengagement Observer Force".

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FINANCING OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE PROSECUTION OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMMITTED IN THE TERRITORY OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA SINCE 1991

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the Office of Internal Oversight Services.[3]

Concerned that the report of the Secretary-General and the related performance report for 1996 were not available on a timely basis,

Concerned also that the revised 1997 budget proposals were not prepared on a full cost basis,

Noting that information on the actual annual cost of new posts was not included in the budget proposals,

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[1] A/C.5/51/30/Add.1.

[2] A/51/7/Add.7.

[3] A/51/824, annex.

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit the report on the conditions of service of the judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia at the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly, no later than 30 November 1997;

3. Decides to defer its consideration of the pension entitlements for members of the International Tribunal pending receipt of the report requested in paragraph 2 above, and decides to consider this issue in the context of the 1998 budget proposals of the Tribunal;

4. Notes that the full cost of the new posts recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions would add to the appropriations a further annual requirement of 1,297,200 United States dollars net;

5. Notes also that the standard salary cost equivalent of the 45 gratis personnel serving with the International Tribunal would amount to 2,011,700 dollars gross for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1997;

6. Requests the Secretary-General in submitting budgetary proposals for 1998 to make such recommendations as are required to fulfil the mandate of the International Tribunal as soon as possible;

7. Recognizes the importance of continuing to improve arrangements through which the International Tribunal receives proper guidance and assistance from United Nations Headquarters to implement and enforce the financial rules, personnel rules and all other applicable administrative issuances of the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session;

8. Approves the budgetary recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

9. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 a total amount of 29,825,500 dollars gross (27,440,100 dollars net) for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1997;

10. Decides also that the appropriation for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1997 under the Special Account referred to in paragraph 9 above shall be financed according to the methodology established by the General Assembly in its resolution 49/242 B of 20 July 1995, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

11. Decides further that Member States shall waive their respective shares in the remaining credits arising from previous budgets of the United Nations Protection Force in the amount of 14,912,750 dollars gross (13,720,050 dollars

net), to be transferred to the Special Account for the International Tribunal from the Special Account for the United Nations Protection Force;

12. Decides to apportion the amount of 14,912,750 dollars gross (13,720,050 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments for the year 1997;

13. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,192,700 dollars approved for the International Tribunal for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1997.

ANNEX

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

	Gross	Net
	(United States dollars)	
Appropriations for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1997	29 825 500	27 440 100
Of which: United Nations Protection Force[a]	14 912 750	13 720 050
Assessed amounts[b]	14 912 750	13 720 050

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[a] Refers to the credits arising from previous budgets of the United Nations Protection Force.

[b] Refers to the contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments for the year 1997.

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FINANCING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE PROSECUTION OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR GENOCIDE AND OTHER SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMMITTED IN THE TERRITORY OF RWANDA AND RWANDAN CITIZENS RESPONSIBLE FOR GENOCIDE AND OTHER SUCH VIOLATIONS COMMITTED IN THE TERRITORY OF NEIGHBOURING STATES BETWEEN 1 JANUARY AND 31 DECEMBER 1994

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the Office of Internal Oversight Services,[3]

Noting with deep concern the serious problems identified by the Office of Internal Oversight Services in its report,

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[1] A/C.5/51/29/Add.1.

[2] A/51/7/Add.8.

[3] A/51/789, annex.

Noting also the initial steps taken in response to the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, as set out in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

Concerned that the report of the Secretary-General and the related performance report for 1996 were not available on a timely basis,

Concerned also that the revised 1997 budget proposals were not prepared on a full-cost basis,

Noting that information on the actual annual cost of new posts was not included in the budget proposals,

Noting also that the Secretary-General intends to transmit further reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on a periodic basis,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. Notes with concern the shortcomings and deficiencies in the operations of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 reported by the Office of Internal Oversight Services, and requests the parties concerned to ensure the full and immediate implementation of the recommendations of the Office;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to provide such advice and guidance as is required to ensure the effective administrative functioning of the International Tribunal for Rwanda;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the conditions of service of the judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, no later than 30 November 1997;

5. Decides to defer its consideration of the pension entitlements for members of the International Tribunal for Rwanda pending receipt of the report requested in paragraph 4 above, and decides to consider this question in the context of the 1998 budget proposals of the Tribunal;

6. Notes that the full cost of the new posts recommended by the Advisory Committee would add to the appropriations a further annual requirement of 2,218,800 United States dollars net;

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[4] A/51/7/Add.8, annex I.

7. Notes also that the standard salary cost equivalent of the 34 gratis personnel serving with the International Tribunal for Rwanda would amount to 1,729,100 dollars gross for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1997;

8. Stresses the importance of recruiting qualified personnel with the relevant knowledge, skills and experience to perform the responsibilities required under the applicable job descriptions;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the question of the delegation of authority to recruit staff in the Professional category and above in the context of the proposed budget for 1998;

10. Requests the International Civil Service Commission to consider the recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 9 of its report[2] and to report to the General Assembly at the earliest opportunity;

11. Decides that staff of the International Tribunal for Rwanda assigned to Kigali shall continue to be subject to the established compensation and benefit provisions of the United Nations common system pending consideration by the International Civil Service Commission of the question mentioned in paragraph 10 above;

12. Requests the Secretary-General, in submitting budgetary proposals for 1998, to make such recommendations as are required to fulfil the mandate of the International Tribunal for Rwanda as soon as possible;

13. Recognizes the importance of continuing to improve arrangements through which the International Tribunal for Rwanda receives the proper guidance and assistance from United Nations Headquarters to implement and enforce the financial rules, personnel rules and all other applicable administrative issuances of the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session;

14. Approves the budgetary recommendations of the Advisory Committee,[2] subject to the provision in paragraph 15 of the present resolution;

15. Notes that an estimated unencumbered balance of 3,600,000 dollars would remain at the end of June 1997;

16. Notes also that the recommendations of the Advisory Committee in paragraph 23 of its report[2] would not provide for all the security resources requested, and decides that, should the need arise, the Registrar would be authorized to redeploy the necessary resources within the overall budgetary provisions of the International Tribunal for Rwanda;

17. Requests the Secretary-General to address the question of security resources, as necessary, in the budget submission for 1998;

18. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such

Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 a total amount of 18,402,500 dollars gross (15,103,700 dollars net) for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1997;

19. Decides also that the appropriation for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1997 under the Special Account referred to in paragraph 18 above shall be financed according to the methodology established by the General Assembly in its resolution 49/251 of 20 July 1995, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

20. Decides further that Member States shall waive their respective shares in the remaining credits arising from previous budgets of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda in the amount of 9,201,250 dollars gross (7,551,850 dollars net), to be transferred to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for Rwanda from the Special Account for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda;

21. Decides to apportion the amount of 9,201,250 dollars gross (7,551,850 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments for the year 1997;

22. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,649,400 dollars approved for the International Tribunal for Rwanda for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1997.

ANNEX

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

	Gross	Net
	(United States dollars)	
Amount required for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1997 as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 40 of its report	22 002 500	18 703 700
Less: Estimated unencumbered balance for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1997	(3 600 000)	(3 600 000)
Balance: Appropriation to be assessed for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1997	18 402 500	15 103 700
Of which: United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda[a]	9 201 250	7 551 850
Assessed amounts[b]	9 201 250	7 551 850

[a] Refers to the credits arising from previous budgets of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda.

[b] Refers to the contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments for the year 1997.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

Support account for peacekeeping operations

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/221 A of 11 April 1996, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996 and 51/226 of 3 April 1997 and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] as well as the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee,[3]

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peacekeeping operations,

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[1] A/51/890 and A/C.5/51/52.

[2] A/51/906 and Corr.1.

[3] See A/C.5/51/SR.70.

Noting the recent significant decline in peacekeeping expenditure, and recognizing that this should lead to a commensurate decline in backstopping requirements funded through the support account for peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases of peacekeeping operations,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations;[1]

2. Also takes note of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

3. Regrets the delayed submission by the Secretary-General of his report on the support account, and decides that his next report on the support account for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, should be submitted no later than 31 March 1998;

4. Also regrets the non-compliance of the Secretary-General with the request in paragraph 8 of its resolution 50/221 B to submit a comprehensive proposal on the total requirement for human resources from all sources of funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

5. Emphasizes that it is necessary to have fully substantiated and comprehensive proposals for the total requirements for human and material resources from all sources of funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, including from the regular budget, trust funds and voluntary contributions, both in cash and in kind, during the period of the support account proposal;

6. Reiterates its requests to the Secretary-General in paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of its resolution 50/221 B, in preparing his annual proposals for the support account, and taking into consideration the temporary nature of the current level of resources, to review and substantiate comprehensively the entire post and non-post requirements for the support account; in preparing his report on the support account for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, to submit a comprehensive proposal on the total requirement for human resources from all sources of funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, including posts financed from the regular budget and trust funds, officers on loan from Member States and other voluntary contributions during the period, to enable the General Assembly to decide on the level of human resources required; and to submit proposals that reflect as closely as possible the overall evolution of peacekeeping budgets and any additional relevant observations and recommendations regarding the lessons learned from the previous year of operation of the support account;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit an in-depth evaluation and subsequent budgetary proposals that reflect as closely as possible the overall evolution of peacekeeping trends, including any relevant restructuring of the various divisions and units involved in backstopping activities, taking into

account the lessons learned from previous years' experience of operating the support account and the workload relating to closed and completed missions;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-second regular session the evaluation portion of the above-mentioned report;

9. Regrets the lack of a performance report on the operation of the support account in the context of the annual consideration by the General Assembly of the proposals of the Secretary-General for the account, as requested in paragraph 6 of its resolution 50/221 B;

10. Requests the Secretary-General, in his report on the support account for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, to submit a performance report, including information on redeployments, if any, between units, covering the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 and the period from 1 July to 31 December 1997;

11. Affirms the need for adequate funding for backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

12. Decides to maintain for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 the funding mechanism for the support account provisionally approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B;

[13. Approves, for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, the proposals of the Secretary-General with regard to post and non-post resource requirements as contained in his report of 7 May 1997[1] as amended by the Advisory Committee in paragraphs 19, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29, 31, 33 and 37 of its report,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;]

[14. Approves also for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, a post at the P-5 level or higher and a P-4/3 level post to be supervised by and report directly to the Assistant Secretary-General for Planning and Support, and to be dedicated solely to processing the backlog of claims referred to in paragraph 35 of the report of the Secretary-General[1] and] requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly quarterly written reports on the progress made in eliminating the backlog;

[15. Notes the Secretary-General's assessment that the backlog numbers _____ claims;]

[16. Requests the Secretary-General, for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, to carry out lessons-learned activities within the Department of Peacekeeping Operations with the staff at the level of one P-5, two P-4, one P-2 and one General Service personnel;]

16 bis. Also requests the Secretary-General to use the remaining sums in the Lessons Learned Trust Fund to finance, to the extent possible, the costs of the posts approved in addition to the proposal presented in annex I.A, paragraph 30, to his report;[1]

[17. Approves a funding level of 1 million United States dollars for rental of premises for both the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and other Secretariat departments and offices, bearing in mind the vacancy rate of other United Nations properties and the inconsistencies in past practices with leased properties funded by the support account;]

18. Decides that officers in the Department's Office of Operations whose workload has been reduced owing to the ending of some peacekeeping operations should be detailed to assist in eliminating the backlog;

19. Reaffirms the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly in which it requested the Secretary-General to fill the vacant support account posts as soon as possible, in a manner consistent with those resolutions and the Staff Rules and Regulations;

20. Decides that posts funded from the support account shall be filled and managed in compliance with the Charter of the United Nations, the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, the Staff Rules and Regulations of the United Nations and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

21. Calls upon the Secretary-General to stop immediately the practice of giving personnel on short-term appointments consultant contracts for a short period and then rehiring them on short-term appointments in violation of the spirit of open and transparent recruiting practices;

[22. Requests the Secretary-General to assign the functions referred to in paragraphs 16, 17 and 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] to personnel occupying approved posts and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, and no later than 31 March 1998.]

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Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations*

The General Assembly,

I

Voluntary contributions

Recalling its resolutions on the financing of peacekeeping operations, in which it invites voluntary contributions to those operations in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered as appropriate, in accordance with the established procedure[1] and practices,

Taking note of the intention of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to address in a report the question of the articulation of voluntary contributions within proposed budgets and performance reports of peacekeeping operations,[2]

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* The present text is part of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.5/51/L.73.

[1] Resolution 44/192 A of 21 December 1989.

[2] See A/51/850, para. 12.

1. Welcomes the intention of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to address issues related to the administration of voluntary contributions to peacekeeping operations in a later report;

2. Requests the Advisory Committee to prepare its report on the administration of voluntary contributions to peacekeeping operations before 31 December 1997;

3. Decides to consider the report of the Advisory Committee during the first week of the first part of its resumed fifty-second session;

II

United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi

Recalling its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 and pending consideration of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi,[3]

1. Regrets the late submission by the Secretary-General of his report on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi;[4]

2. Decides to undertake a detailed review of the reports of the Secretary-General[3] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee[5] on the United Nations Logistics Base at its fifty-second session, no later than 15 October 1997;

3. Authorizes the Secretary-General, in the interim period, from 1 July to 15 October 1997, to commit funds not exceeding the current level of expenditures for the last three months for the maintenance of the United Nations Logistics Base;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to finalize, in this context, the proposals on the management of United Nations peacekeeping assets and on the role of the United Nations Logistics Base.

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[3] A/50/907 and A/51/905.

[4] A/51/905.

[5] A/50/985 and A/51/___.